

FEWER SALOONS; HIGHER LICENSE

Newport News Council Increases
City Tax, and Number Will
Be Cut Down.

TO JOIN ATLANTIC FLEET

Reported That the North Caro-
lina and the Montana Will Be
Sent to the Pacific.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
NEWPORT NEWS, VA., April 15.—
Under an ordinance which has been
adopted by the City Council, and which
in all probability will be signed by
Mayor Buxton, the city license on retail
liquor saloons here will be \$425 for the
coming fiscal year. This is an increase
of \$175 over the license charged this
year. The State license is \$450 and
the Federal license \$25; therefore the
total to be paid by the saloonkeepers
will be \$900.

Both branches of the Council have
adopted a resolution requesting the
Judge of the Corporation Court to limit
the number of licenses to be granted
this year to forty. There were seventy-
seven licenses issued this year, but it
is expected that the restrictions of the
Byrd-Mann law will reduce the num-
ber of applicants materially. It is
understood that Judge Barham will
grant no more than forty licenses.

It was proposed to make an even
greater increase in the license tax, but
the above amount was agreed upon in
a compromise between counsel for the
saloonkeepers and members of the
Council who advocated the increase.

Negroes Held for Murder.

Hattie Burrell, Mary Burrell, Joseph
Burrell and Stuart Brooks, all negroes,
are being held in the Hampton jail on
the charge of murdering Leroy Burrell,
the four-months-old child of Hattie
Burrell.

The body of the child was found
floating in Back River Sunday. Con-
flicting and confused stories told be-
fore the coroner's jury led to a thor-
ough investigation, and late last night
the jury returned a verdict to the ef-
fect that the child was killed by Mary
Burrell, its grandmother, with the other
three prisoners as accessories. Joseph
Burrell is Hattie Burrell's brother, and
Stuart Brooks married their sister.

It is alleged that the old woman
killed the baby, and that one of the
others put the body in the creek.

To Join the Fleet.

It is announced that the new ar-
mored cruiser North Carolina, just
completed at the local ship yard, will
be turned over to the United States
government at the Norfolk navy yard
within the next two weeks. It is re-
ported that the North Carolina and her
sister ship, the Montana, which is near-
ing completion at the yard here, will
be sent to the Pacific coast to join the
fleet and make the trip around the
world.

There will be a mass meeting of Re-
publicans Tuesday night, April 28th,
for the purpose of nominating a can-
didate for Mayor. It seems practically
certain that former Postmaster Fred
Lead will be unanimously nominated.

CHURCH ROOF ON FIRE.

Excellent During Session of Sunday
School—Fredericksburg News.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., April 15.—
While the Sunday school was in pro-
gress at Trinity Methodist Church, at
King George Courthouse, Sunday, the
roof caught on fire from a spark from
the chimney, and the blaze had made
considerable headway when discov-
ered. A bucket brigade was formed
by the teachers and scholars of the
Sunday school and citizens of the vil-
lage, and after earnest work the fire
was extinguished. Several yards of
the roof were burned.

Bishop R. A. Gibson will preach in
St. George's Episcopal Church here
next Sunday morning and confirm a
class. At night he will confirm a class
and preach in Trinity Episcopal Church.
John E. Flippo has sold his farm,
near Guilney's, in Caroline county, to
John Jelebeck, of Pennsylvania. The
new purchaser will take possession
May 1st.

Bessie McDaniel, a good looking
white girl, aged eighteen years, of Car-
oline county, was arrested by the au-
thorities here, charged with the lar-
ceny of goods in that county to the
amount of \$50. She was also accused of
forging the name of Mrs. M. A. Taylor
to a check for \$30. Constable Durrett,
of Caroline county, came here for her
to-day, and took her back to that
county to answer the charges in court.

EXPECT MAYOR TO VETO THE NORFOLK TAX BUDGET

NORFOLK, VA., April 15.—The feel-
ing is strong in Norfolk that Mayor
Kiddick will veto the tax budget when
it is presented to him for approval, not
indorsing the license tax of \$150 on sa-
loons. The ordinance will go to the
Mayor to-morrow morning, and he has
five days in which to pass on it. There
are those who declare he must veto
the entire ordinance to strike out the
liquor license tax, while others declare
that he has the right to veto any por-
tion of it, allowing the others to stand.

INSPECT CULPEPER MINUTE MEN.

Crack Company Makes a Fine Showing.
Banquet to Inspector.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
CULPEPER, VA., April 15.—The semi-
annual inspection by Colonel C. M.
Dempsey, of the United States Army,
of the Culpeper Minute Men, Company
B, took place at their armory this
evening. The company made a fine
showing in rank and file, and drew
applause from the spectators in exe-
cuting the manual of arms and going
through the various military move-
ments. Their showing was highly sat-
isfactory.

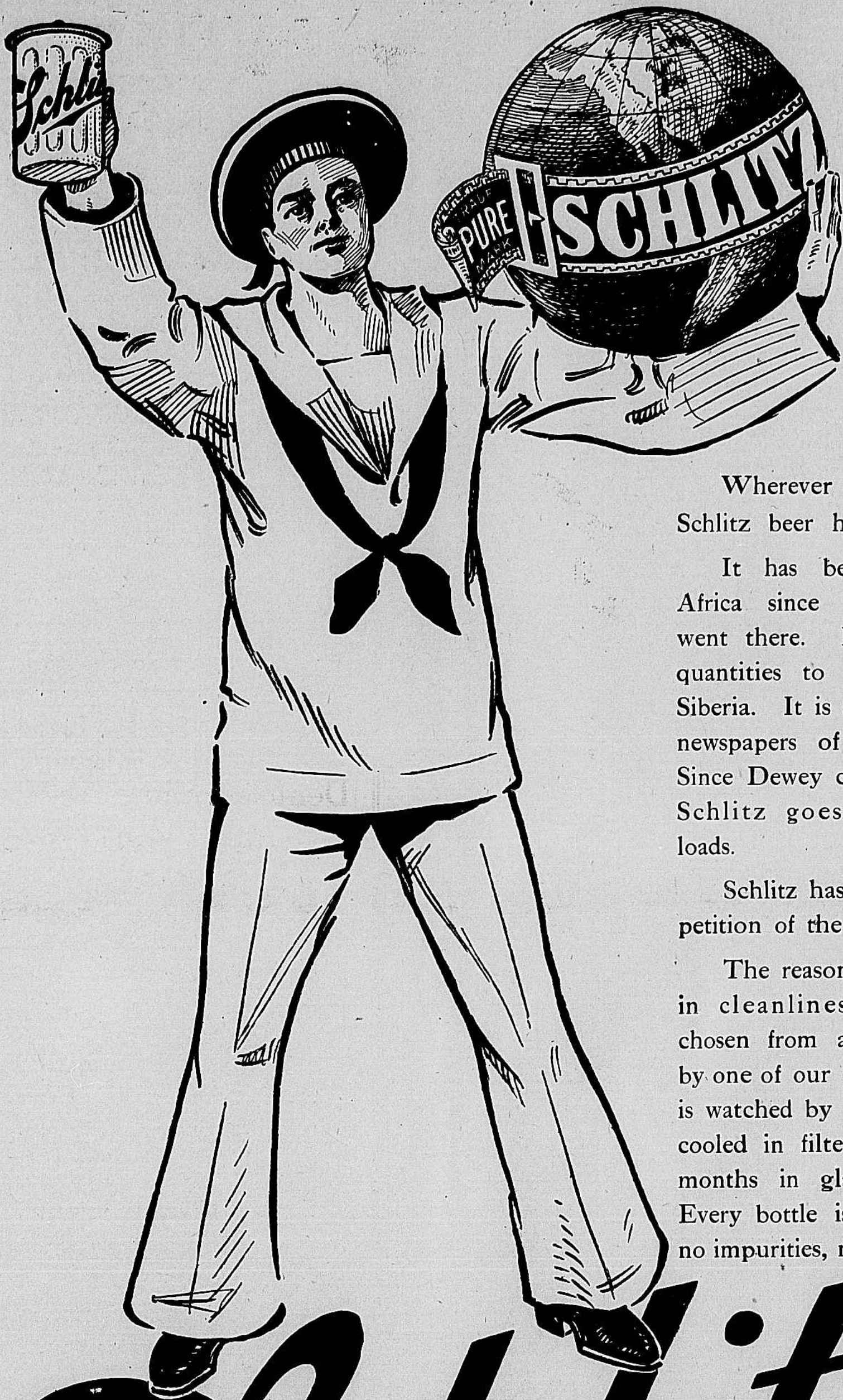
After the inspection an elegant re-
ception was given to Colonel Dempsey
by the officers of the company, at
which Captain Edwin Slaughter pre-
sided.

Merrill Must Serve Term.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
SPOTSYLVANIA, VA., April 15.—A
special session of the Circuit Court of
Spotsylvania county was held yester-
day by Judge John E. Mason to con-
sider the motion of W. B. Merrill for
a new trial in the matter of his con-
victions and a sentence of two years
confinement in the penitentiary. After
hearing the evidence the court over-
ruled the defendant's motion, and sen-
tenced him to two years in the State
Penitentiary, and the accused was com-
mitted to jail to await removal to the
State prison.

Timber and Cordwood Burned.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
SPOTSYLVANIA, VA., April 15.—
Yesterday the timbered lands around
the sawmills of Messrs. T. A. Frazer
and Lucien R. Colbert caught fire from
the steam engines at each, and there
was an immense conflagration. The
fire outstripped the efforts of all to
stop it, and swept over a vast area of
country, burning a large lot of cord-
wood and destroying much valuable
timber.



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